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First Inventor		Douk et al.
Title	LOW-PI	ROFILE DISTAL PROTECTION DEVICE
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1. X Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3. X Specification [Total Pages 22] (preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. X Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9] 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2] a. X Newly executed (original or copy) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 6. X Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76	Alexandria VA 22313-1450 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. Paper c. Statements verifying identity of above copies ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS 9. X Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney 11. English Translation Document (if applicable) 12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 13. Preliminary Amendment 14. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. 17. X Other: Authorization under 37CFR 1.136(a)(3)						
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U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Low-Profile Distal Protection Device For:

Inventors:

Douk et al.

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Sir:

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- 1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
- 2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
- 3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Low-Profile Distal Protection Device

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the application consisting of:

- An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
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- c. A specification containing:
 - i. fifteen (15) pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. six (6) pages of claims (40 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- d. Nine (9) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-4, 4A, 5, 5A, 6, 6A, and 7-8); and
- 4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
- 5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- 6. An original executed Assignment to Medtronic Vascular, Inc., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
- 7. Two (2) return postcards; and
- 8. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form.

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